

ed the compensations allowed; without this increase, we might have lost the services of some, whose places would not have been easily supplied,—and we should, also, have lost the fruits of their experience with them.

The prisoners have been remarkably healthy during the year. Their average number was about three hundred and forty—amount 30th November, 356.—Of these, no more than four have died, and the hospital returns shew, only an average of about four persons sick; if we except those afflicted with what may be esteemed permanent diseases, chiefly contracted before they came under our charge. Such is the result of temperance and labour, and regular rest, with a sufficiency of coarse, but sound and wholesome food.

We have considerably improved the workshops, during the past year;—but more room is required. We have separated the youths from the adults, and established a Sunday School for them and others which seems to be advantageously attended. The general police of the prison is also in a state of improvement, and the *production* of the convicts is seen in the statements exhibited.

We have the honor to refer you to the annexed reports of the Executive and Building Committees.—The first presents a condensed view of the main operations of this establishment. The second, that the building is entirely completed, and gives some account of its structure. It is an excellent building, and well adapted to its purpose, but the dampness of the walls has not yet permitted its occupancy.

Allow us to express a hope that, (whoever may be called to the management of the concerns of this great and important institution), the systems which have been so advantageously adopted and pursued, may be persevered in, and improved, that the state may have profit as well as honour, in this establishment, built up by its liberality, to prevent, or humanely to punish the commission of crime.

We have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants,

WM. McDONALD, *President of*

*And by order of the Board of Directors.*